- Two other passenger terminals have been planned at Holambi Kalan and Bijawasan railway station in Delhi area;
- The following passenger trains have been diverted *via* Hazrat Nizamuddin — Ghaziabad without touching New Delhi Railway station:

  (a) 2687/2688 Chennai-Dehradun Express

  (b) 4309/4310 Ujjain-Dehradun Express

  (c) 4317/4318 Indore- Dehradun Express

  (d) 8237/8234 Bilaspur-Amritsar Chhattisgarh Express

- The following trains have been given stoppage at stations in National Capital Region with effect from 01.07.07:

(1) 4731 New Delhi-Bhatinda Intercity Express has been given stoppage at Subzi Mandi station.

(2) 2715/2716 Sachkhand Express has been given stoppage at Faridabad station.

(3) 2561 Swatantrata Sainani Express has been given stoppage at Ghaziabad station.

(4) 5279/5280 Poorabiya Express has been given stoppage at Ghaziabad station.

(5) 2479/2428 Rewa Express has been given stoppage at Ghaziabad station.

(6) 4723/4724 Kalindi Express has been given stoppage at Delhi Shahdra station.

(7) 2017/2018 New Delhi-Dehradun Shatabdi Express has been given stoppage at Ghaziabad Railway station.

Regarding redevelopment of New Delhi railway station as world class station, time-frame has yet not been decided.

Gauge conversion of Hassan-Mangalore rail line

1485. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is undue delay in completing the gauge conversion of the Hassan-Mangalore rail line;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the likely date for completion of the project;

(c) whether there has been a huge cost escalation on account of time-overrun; and

(d) if so, the details with amount spent thereon, so far, and would be required to be spent for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Gauge Conversion of Hassan- Mangalore section has already been completed.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Freight movement on Bangalore-Mysore section

1486. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether movement of passenger and freight on Bangalore-Mysore railway section is on the increase and present trains are unable to cope with such increase;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Karnataka has conveyed its willingness to bear the cost of the project to the extent of 50 per cent for doubling of the said rail line; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the Centre's response thereto and present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Extension of 6509/6510 Ajmer-Bangalore Express upto Mysore has been announced in Railway Budget 2007-08.

(c) and (d) State Government has agreed to share 2/3rd cost of doubling and electrification of the line. Bangalore-Kengeri doubling has been commissioned. Kengeri-Bidadi-Ramanagaram is targeted for completion during 2007-08. The work of Ramanagaram-Mysore has been included in Budget 2007-08 and preparation of plan and estimate taken up.

Doubling of Ernakulam-Kottayam-Kayamkulam rail line

1487. PROF. P.J KURIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of doubling work between Ernakulam-Kottayam-Kayamkulam rail line; and

(b) the total funds allocated for the current year and spent so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Doublings of the entire Ernakulam-Kottayam-Kayamkulam route in patches has been taken up and Ernakulam-Mulanturutti, Chengannur-Mavelikara-Kayamkulam are targeted for completion during the year 2007-08. Balance works are likely to be completed in phases in next 2-3 years.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 91 crore has been provided for the patch doublings on Kottayam route for the year 2007-08 and an expenditure of Rs. 75.60 crore has been incurred on these works upto March, 2007.